

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 7, 2012 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Carrie Simon, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter
Ralph Efird, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Tunxis Community College Medical Assistant Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

Heidi Darling, LPN Board Member, was notified by the Governor's Office that her term as a Board Member had concluded.

Persons interested in serving on a Board or Commission are required to send a cover letter identifying which Board or Commission they would like to serve on along with a copy of their resume to the Office of Governor Dannel P. Malloy, to the attention of Melissa Stine, Boards and Commissions, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 or via e-mail to Melissa.stine@ct.gov.

OPEN FORUM

Carol Bergeron, Executive Director of the CT Nurses Association updated the Board and spoke to the students on the Collaborative Action Coalition regarding the future of nursing in Connecticut and the Robert Wood Johnson Grant.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Revised agendas were provided to the Board Members and the audience this morning.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2013 Legislative Session begins in January, and as this is the Budget Session, it will run through June.

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board and the students regarding medication administration by medical assistants in certain settings, the Department's Legislative Proposals which are under review, nuclear medicine practitioners, and homeopathic practitioners.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
SATELLITE SITE VISITS – AVERY POINT and STAMFORD CAMPUSES

Paula McAuley, Associate Dean, UConn School of Nursing, was present for this discussion. Pam Pelletier-Stevens made a site visit to UConn's Avery Point Campus on October 17, 2012 and to UConn's Stamford Campus on October 24, 2012 to review CEIN-BS program locations. Both campuses are commuter campuses. Avery currently has 15 students and 2 faculty and Stamford has 8 students and 2 faculty. Both campuses have adjunct faculty for each clinical rotation. There was no site visit at the Waterbury Campus as that program uses the Naugatuck Valley Nursing Lab and Campus. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to accept the report provided regarding the CEIN-BS UConn Satellite Programs at the Avery Point and Stamford Campuses. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES - NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE – STATUS UPDATE

Constance Hotchkiss, Director of the Northwestern Nursing Program, was present for this discussion. Pam Pelletier-Stevens advised the Board that Northwestern admitted 24 students into their program in 2010 and have graduated their first class of 19 students with a 100% NCLEX pass rate. The college is requesting to be taken off conditional status and be given full approval by the Board. Currently there is only one student that has not yet taken the NCLEX.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Northwestern CT Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program be granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES - LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – HAMDEN CAMPUS PROGRAM MANAGER

Patricia DeLucia, Regional Director for all LTI CT Nursing sites, was present with Louise Simonetti, current evening supervisor at LTI's Hamden Campus, to request that Ms. Simonetti be allowed to assume the role of Program Manager at LTI's Hamden Campus. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant Ms. Simonetti the position of Program Manager for LTI's Hamden Campus effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously and the Board wished Ms. Simonetti the best of luck in her new position as Program Manager.

SCHOOL ISSUES - FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Terry Quell, Assistant Dean of the Undergraduate Program, was present to request a one-year temporary waiver for Priscilla Schumack.

Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the one-year temporary faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

RN PROGRAMS

Pam Pelletier-Stevens provided the Board with an overview of the NCLEX Third Quarter results. Goodwin College had a pass rate below 80% for this quarter and for the year to date. Jan Costello left a voice mail that this score is incorrect. Pam will monitor the next quarter results.

St. Vincent's College pass rate was 56% for the evening program this quarter. The program will provide a plan of correction at the December 5, 2012 Board Meeting.

LPN PROGRAMS

The A. I. Prince, Eli Whitney, and Vinal Tech LPN Programs all had pass rates under 80%. This is the first graduating class of the 18-month program since the Vocational-Technical LPN Programs were reopened. A plan of correction is currently being worked on by Patricia Fennesy which will be presented to the Board at the December 5, 2012 meeting. Their next graduating class will be in January 2014.

The Lincoln Tech Hamden Evening Program pass rate was below the 80%. Patricia DeLucia appeared before the Board on October 3, 2012 regarding their plan of correction as their last quarter was also below the 80% pass rate. The program remains on conditional status until December 2012 for low scores.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Pam Pelletier-Stevens apprised the Board of the inquiries received in the Board Office during the month of September.

NCSBN UPDATE

- Chair Bouffard had no updates.
- In September Jennifer Filippone attended the NCSBN Scientific Symposium in Arlington, VA regarding a study of risk indicators associated with nursing practice errors.
- In October Jennifer Filippone attended the Tri-Regulator Symposium in Washington, DC on the Future of State Based Licensure. This symposium was jointly hosted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the Federation of State Medical Boards, and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO DISMISS – EWURAMA HAYFORD, RN, APRN

The record was opened to hear arguments for a Motion to Dismiss from the Respondent's attorney. The Board heard Oral Argument on the record from DPH Attorney David Tilles and Attorney Edward M. Mayer, Jr.. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to deny the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss. The motion passed unanimously and the next hearing will be held on December 5, 2012.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JUDY FOLLERT, RN

Ms. Follert was present to request from the Board that she be granted a reinstatement hearing seeking relicensure as a registered nurse. Ms. Follert's RN license was revoked by the Board on April 4, 2007.

Jennifer Long moved and Carrie Simon seconded that Ms. Follert's reinstatement hearing request be granted. The motion passed unanimously. The Board advised Ms. Follert that there were missing documents in the packet presented which she will need to produce at the hearing which will be held on February 20, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RICHARD HOULE, RN

DPH Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Richard Houle, RN. Mr. Houle was present at this meeting without representation. He stated that he self-identified that he had relapsed, he entered into a rehab program, and he has increased his urines from monthly to weekly.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed unanimously. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Board Members present to increase the employer and therapist reports to monthly instead of quarterly and to increase the drug screens to weekly instead of monthly for the remainder of the probation period.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:45 AM.

Patricia C. Bouffard, Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** meeting scheduled for November 21, 2012, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, was cancelled unanimously by the Board of Examiners for Nursing as the third Wednesday of the month was the day before Thanksgiving.

Patricia C. Bouffard, Chair
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